

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Janna Taylor, on March 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Janna Taylor, Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 164, 3/5/2015; HB 523, 3/6/2015; HB 548, 3/6/2015

Executive Action: HB 366, Be Concurred In; HB 461, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 289, Tabled; HB 334, Motion Withdrawn (Not reported out of committee)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 366

00:00:54 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 366 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:14 Chair Taylor

00:01:43 Sen. Vance

00:01:47 Sen. Buttrey

00:01:58 Chair Taylor

00:02:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 461

00:02:41 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 461 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:02:55 **Motion:** Sen. Di. Barrett moved that **HB 461 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:03:36 Sen. Barrett

00:05:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote.

00:05:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 461 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Sales voting no. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289

0:05:57 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 289 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:06:18 Chair Taylor

00:06:40 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:07:25 Sen. Sales

00:07:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Taylor voting aye.

00:08:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 289 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Taylor voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 334

00:08:47 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 334 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:08:54 Sen. Buttrey

00:09:08 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:09:17 Without objection, Sen. Buttrey withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

HEARING ON HB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:39 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 164,
Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:58 Sen. McNally

00:11:09 Rep. Schwaderer

00:11:31 Sen. Buttrey

00:13:07 Rep. Schwaderer

00:14:19 Sen. Buttrey

00:14:32 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:16:45 Rep. Schwaderer

00:17:17 Sen. Vuckovich

00:17:39 Rep. Schwaderer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:08 Rep. Schwaderer

HEARING ON HB 523

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:46 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 523, Revise rural
improvement district laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:48 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:50 Sen. Vuckovich
00:27:13 Mr. Blattie, MACo
00:27:57 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:30:08 Mr. Blattie
00:30:52 Sen. Vuckovich
00:31:32 Mr. Blattie
00:31:40 Sen. Vuckovich
00:31:45 Sen. Barrett
00:32:59 Mr. Blattie
00:33:07 Sen. Vance
00:34:52 Mr. Blattie
00:36:29 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:37:03 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
00:37:10 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:39:56 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:59 Rep. Berglee

HEARING ON HB 548

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:41 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 548, Revise laws regarding exemptions for certain divisions of land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:40 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:47:42 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:27 Anne Cossitt, Musselshell County (MC)

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00:58:49 Erin Farris-Olsen, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:01 Sen. Barrett

01:03:12	Ms. Cossitt, MC
01:03:32	Sen. Buttrey
01:03:43	Rep. Mandeville
01:06:00	Sen. McNally
01:07:27	Ms. Cossitt
01:07:41	Sen. McNally
01:07:54	Rep. Mandeville
01:09:01	Sen. Sales
01:09:15	Rep. Mandeville
01:09:49	Sen. McNally
01:10:13	Rep. Mandeville
01:10:34	Mr. Blattie, MACo
01:12:45	Sen. Vance
01:13:02	Ms. Fisher, MAR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:27	Rep. Mandeville
01:16:29	Chair Taylor

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los50aad.pdf](#))